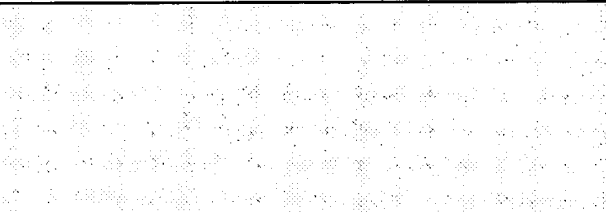


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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.